Greetings from the UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences:

This month saw new beginnings and accolades at the Arizona Health Sciences Center. We are proud that the quality of the AHSC colleges’ professional graduate programs has received recognition in U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Graduate Schools” issue. Please read more about these rankings here.

The future was determined for 173 soon-to-be resident-physicians in the UA College of Medicine – Tucson and UA College of Medicine – Phoenix Classes of 2015 who learned on Match Day where they will spend the next several years of medical training, a major step in building a medical career.

In this edition, you also will learn about the UA College of Nursing’s first White Coat Ceremony for its Doctor of Nursing Practice online program, as well as a major AHSC appointment to support entrepreneurial initiatives, honors, awards and recent AHSC
research grants. Finally, I am delighted to share that two grants were awarded and a new cutting-edge program established to expand the clinical and translational research workforce pipeline through the recruitment of traditionally underrepresented students.

I continue to be greatly impressed by the extraordinary efforts of AHSC faculty, students and staff to improve health in Arizona and beyond.

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AHSC Center Receives Grant to Increase Native American Health-care Workforce

One of only two university programs selected for the grant nationwide, the Native American Research and Training Center at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson, was awarded a five-year, $975,000 Indians into Medicine grant from the Indian Health Service.

Increasing Diversity: NIH Funds UA Undergrad

Following a national search, biotech entrepreneur Peter N. Allison, JD, has been appointed senior director for technology innovation at the Arizona Health Sciences Center at the University of Arizona.

Peter Allison
Appointed Senior Director for Technology Innovation

UA Emergency Medicine Resident Selected as Emerging

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**Arthritis/ Canyon Ranch Active Series**

Monday, April 13
10-11 a.m.

**Tucson Community Stroke Support Group**

Monday, April 16
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**2015 Desert Diamond/UA Arthritis Center Bear Down Luncheon**

Friday, April 17
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Third Annual Interprofessional Rural Health Professions Conference**

Tuesday, April 28
Noon-2 p.m.

**Skin Cancer Prevention Friends’ Spring Luncheon**

Through Saturday, April 25
Sunday-Thursday
7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday
7 a.m.-7 p.m.

**‘Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine’**

Every Friday in April

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**Program**

A new National Institutes of Health-funded program involving six University of Arizona colleges and the UA BIO5 Institute is aimed at increasing diversity in the ranks of environmental health scientists by building a program that offers research experiences and support services to prepare UA undergraduates to be successful graduate students.

**Entrepreneur**

Sean Murphy, MD, second-year resident in the University of Arizona Department of Emergency Medicine, has been selected from hundreds of applicants to participate in the 2015 Sprint Mobile Health Accelerator, powered by Techstars, the world’s largest startup accelerator.

**AHSC Launches ‘BLAISER’**

To increase the number of translational biomedical research and academic health professional graduates from underrepresented communities, the Arizona Health Sciences Center has announced the new Border Latino & American Indian Summer Exposure to Research program.

**Medical Students Learn Residency Locations at Match Day**

The soon-to-be resident physicians from the UA Colleges of Medicine in Tucson and Phoenix learned where they’ll spend the next several years of medical training during Match Day.

**First White Coat Ceremony for UA**
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Farmers’ Market

Could Man's Best Friend Be Man's Best Medicine?

Most dog owners will tell you their furry friends make them feel good emotionally. But the health benefits of owning a dog may not end there.

Interstitial Lung Disease Program Joins National Network

The Interstitial Lung Disease Program at the UA College of Medicine – Tucson has been selected as a member of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Care Center Network.

Doctor of Nursing Practice Students

More than 60 students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice online program at the UA College of Nursing participated in its first White Coat Ceremony.

AHSC February Research Grant Awards

Toxicology Society to Honor Dr. Jeff Burgess with Translational Impact Award

Jeff Burgess, MD, MS, MPH, associate dean for research and professor at the UA Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, is the recipient of the 2015 Society of Toxicology Translational Impact Award for his work to reduce toxic exposures and prevent injuries among first responders, miners and the general public.
Find a monthly listing of Arizona Health Sciences Center grant awards [here](#).